

**Drinking Water Advisory Council  
Lead in Drinking Water (LIDW) Workgroup**

**Location: Sloan Convention Center  
1021 Wilkinson Place  
Bowling Green, KY**

**Meeting Minutes  
February 15, 2017**

In attendance: Greg Heitzman, Chair, Obe Cox (CCW), Tom Gabbard (DOW), Mike Gardner (BGMU), Bill Robertson (PWWKY), Thomas Rockaway (UofL), Justin Sensabaugh (KYAW), Rengao Song (LWC), Tom Gabbard (KDOW)

Liaisons: Gary Larimore (KRW), Kay Sanborn (KYTN-AWWA),

Absent: Brian Thomas (MWD), Brad Montgomery (GRW), Ron Lovan (NKWD), Jennifer Burt (KPH)

Public Attendees: Vince Guenther (LWC), Chuck Mason (Daily News), Donna McNeil (KRW), Melissa Melton (RCAP), David Shehee (KAW), Mike West (EEC/OGC)

Call Meeting to Order and Membership Roll Call

Chair Greg Heitzman called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. CST. He led the roll call, confirmed a quorum, and allowed guests to introduce themselves.

Approve Minutes of December 21, 2016

The Workgroup approved the December 21, 2016 meeting minutes by consensus.

Update from EPA on Lead Regulatory Changes

Tom Gabbard (DOW) gave an update from EPA on Lead Regulatory Changes stating there is nothing new and the process is proceeding accordingly.

Early Warning Systems SubGroup

Rengao Song, PhD, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the What, When and Why for Early Warning Systems. The presentation included improved planning, detection, early warning and communication through public education and operator training. Donna McNeil (KIA) recommended a report out at the Drinking Water Advisory Group meeting scheduled for March 14 stating the 3 important factors including: 1) Public Outreach 2) Health Basis 3) Meeting all drinking water regulation and achieving customer satisfaction. Early Warning systems are not “one size fits all”, since water sources, treatment, distribution piping and private plumbing vary throughout the state.

Presentation of Finance/Funding Subgroup – Mike Gardiner and Greg Heitzman

Mike Gardner updated the Workgroup on the Draft Recommendations from the Finance/Funding Subgroup. The Workgroup discussed distribution piping and private lead plumbing including the option of providing assistance to privates (homeowners) by utilities and possibly through SRF funding in the future. The Workgroup discussed compiling a portfolio of funding opportunities/sources. Mike Gardner presented the question to Tom Gabbard on how recommendations to the EPA and Kentucky DOW should be made. Tom concurs with the approach of developing Workgroup recommendations and commended Kentucky for its ability to communicate and educate Kentucky DOW and prepare for federal level involvement. There was discussion on the timing of the Workgroup recommendations, in light of a new administration and the likelihood of a delay of EPA issuing a revised LCR into 2018. Kentucky is very proactive with its Lead Workgroup and has a good story to tell.

#### Future Topics and Meeting Schedule – Greg Heitzman

The Workgroup discussed future topics of Communications and Recommendations and the scheduling for the remaining meetings.

#### Open Discussion for Workgroup

Mike Gardner announced a webinar on Lead in Drinking Water hosted by the National League of Cities' Webinar on Friday February 24. Obe Cox discussed lead sampling protocol (i.e. special vs compliance) and whether that may affect the accuracy of the LCR reporting. Tom Gabbard said he will follow up on this issue.

#### Public Comment Period

There were no comments from public attendees.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m. CST.

Next meeting March 15, 2017 at 1:30 pm EST at the Kentucky Division of Water in Frankfort.